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1. Opening of the Meeting

- [1] Mr Lucien KONAN KOUAMÉ, CPM Chairperson, welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.
- [2] Mr Osama EL-LISSY, IPPC Secretary, greeted the CPM Bureau and informed its members of a vacancy announcement of an international consultancy for diagnostic protocol specialist¹ and a P3 project post on PCE in the COMESA countries. He also mentioned that the IPPC Secretariat has been looking and able to secure the necessary facilities to hold the next session of the Strategic Planning Group in 2022 in presence in FAO and in the Ministry of Agriculture of Italy, to whom he expresses his gratitude for the kind gesture. Mr EL-LISSY also reminded the CPM Bureau that the call for experts for the CPM Focus Group on Food and other humanitarian aid² was extended for additional two weeks.

2. Meeting Arrangements

2.1. Document list

- [3] The List of Documents was circulated and is attached to this report as [Annex 1](#).

2.2. Participant list

- [4] The List of Participants is attached to this report as [Annex 2](#).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- [5] The CPM Chairperson noted a proposal to discuss the implementation of the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 - 2030 in relation of the CPM agenda, which was added under item 4.
- [6] The Agenda was adopted and it is attached to this report as [Annex 3](#).

4. Preparation for the Strategic Planning Group Meeting

- [7] Mr Arop DENG, Lead of the Integrations and Support Team (IST), introduced the latest updates on the planning of the next 2022 session of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), clarifying that the meeting will take place in presence in the Red Room of FAO from 24 to 26 October.
- [8] Several CPM Bureau members suggested additions such as an item on the experiences and activities for the first International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) and the International Plant Health Conference (IPHC), as well as preparation and review of the agenda of the following CPM.
- [9] The CPM Bureau also asked the IPPC Secretariat to share the draft agenda among the IPPC contracting parties (CPs) as early as possible allowing for sufficient preparation, particularly on emerging strategic issues from IPPC CPs.
- [10] One CPM Bureau member recalled the SPG 2019 recommendation to structure future CPM agendas around the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020 – 2030, provided that there would remain room on the CPM agenda for additions and inclusion of additional items as deemed necessary. He reminded CPM Bureau members of the discussion at the 2019 SPG, as captured in its report³, that the IPPC community must maintain a constant focus throughout all its engagements for the IPPC Strategic framework to be implemented effectively. ensuring that CPM agendas reflect the themes of the strategic framework will be important in achieving its implementation. SPG 2019 agreed to this proposal and a draft CPM agenda had also been prepared to reflect this. However, the virtual nature of the two ensuing CPM meetings prevented this approach from being pursued until now. As CPM-17 is being planned as a full, physical meeting, this approach should now be revisited. In addition to focusing on implementation of the

¹ <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/ippc-is-hiring-international-consultant/>

² <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-focus-group-reports/calls-for-nominations-for-cpm-focus-groups/>

³ SPG report of 8-10 October 2019, section 6.2:

https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2020/01/SPG_2019_Oct_Report_2020-01-14.pdf

strategic framework, this approach may also encourage involvement in strategic framework activities by potential donors and other agencies.

[11] The CPM Bureau:

- (1) *Noted* the update on the SPG preparations.
- (2) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to share the draft agenda among the IPPC contracting parties (CPs) as early as possible allowing for sufficient preparation, particularly on emerging strategic issues from IPPC CPs.
- (3) *Agreed* that the 2019 SPG recommendation to structure CPM agendas around the eight development agenda themes of the strategic framework would be included in discussion by the SPG (to be included in SPG agenda under “CPM-17 Preparation and Review of Agenda)
- (4) *Asked* that a draft CPM agenda structured around the development agenda themes of the strategic framework be prepared to support related discussion at the SPG meetings

5. Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function

[12] Mr Sam Bishop, CPM Bureau member for Europe, introduced the discussion on this topic and the CPM Bureau noted the good advancements on this matter.

[13] The CPM Bureau agreed that the Dispute Settlement Oversight Body (DSOB) should be under the CPM Bureau, with three CPM Bureau members participating in it, without the need for regular meetings. The CPM Bureau also agreed on the importance to avoid any risk of conflict of interest in dispute settlement.

[14] One CPM Bureau member also suggested that the first contact person for an IPPC contracting party should be the IPPC Secretary, who then informs the DSOB and manages the process from that point onwards.

[15] The final agreement among the options proposed for the administration of dispute settlement, the preference was to a combination of option a) "Establish the Office of the Secretary as the primary intake point for initial requests, consultations, coordination, and oversight" and option c) "Establish a small sub body of the Bureau (from Bureau itself or from the CPM membership at large) to work closely with the Secretary to administer the process.

[16] The CPM Bureau also agreed to postpone the development of the Terms of Reference of the Dispute Settlement Oversight Body until after the final decision of CPM-17 on the preferred option for administration of dispute settlement.

[17] The CPM Bureau:

- (5) *Agreed* to present the outcomes of the discussion on the Dispute Settlement Oversight Body to the next session of the Strategic Planning Group, particularly the role of the IPPC Secretary as primary intake point for IPPC dispute submission and establishing a subsidiary body of the CPM Bureau to play the role of Dispute Settlement Oversight Body under the CPM Bureau oversight.
- (6) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to prepare a simplified paper for discussion on disputes settlement oversight requesting new ideas and enrichment from SPG prior to sharing with CPM-17.

6. Development of observer policy

[18] Mr Sam BISHOP recalled the issue to determine which parties may participate in Friend of the Chair (FoC) sessions during CPM meetings.

[19] The CPM Bureau discussed the feasibility and opportunity to have regional plant protection organizations and other potential observers to Friends of the Chair sessions. Several CPM Bureau members agreed that the CPM Chairperson should retain a certain degree of discretion on admitting

observers to Friend of the Chair sessions, underlining that FoC is for contracting parties to resolve pending issues.

[20] The CPM Bureau:

(7) *Agreed* to revise the draft policy paper on Friends of the Chair sessions before submitting it to the next SPG 2022 meeting for discussion and potential submission to CPM-17 (2023).

7. CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers

[21] Mr Artur SHAMILOV, IPPC Secretariat focal point for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers, shared the results of the call for nominations for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers, clarifying that Container Cleanliness Industry Advisory Group (CCIAG) that was formed by concerned industry will be providing two names to be included into the CPM FG from Industry side. He invited the CPM Bureau to identify its representative in the CPM Focus Group and reported that the IMO, WCO and WBG expressed their interest in nominating a representative in the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers. He also noted that IS identified its representative to the FG as well as SC will complete this exercise at its July virtual meeting. Mr SHAMILOV concluded that the final selection for CPM Bureau endorsement will be shared at the next CPM Bureau meeting.

[22] The CPM Bureau noted that its endorsement for the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers members may be expressed through e-decision prior to the next CPM Bureau meeting to expedite and facilitate its work noting that the Focus Group should be established and then meet at an early opportunity given the proximity of the related workshop and SPG meetings, including meeting directly after the SPG meetings.

[23] The CPM Bureau:

(8) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to open an e-decision for two weeks to select and endorse the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers members, once all nominations have been completed.

(9) *Agreed* on Mr Greg WOLFF representing the CPM Bureau in the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers.

(10) *Asked* the IPPC Secretariat to seek availability for a meeting room in FAO after SPG 2022 to organize the Focus Group on Sea Containers meeting.

(11) *Noted* that representative of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) for the FG will be Mr Dominique Pelletier.

(12) *Noted* that the Standards Committee (SC) will identify representative at its July meeting

8. Any Other Business

- *Alternating CPM meetings from in-person to virtual*

[24] Several CPM Bureau members shared views on holding virtual CPM sessions and expressed their clear preference for in-presence meetings over the virtual settings and pointed out that previous consideration of alternating CPMs with trimmed down physical presence by Permanent Representatives to the FAO every second year had not been supported in the past. One CPM Bureau member commented that the CPM having had to engage virtually over the past two years has resulted in the more difficult and more sensitive issues not being adequately addressed. Several critical issues will need in-depth, sustained meetings at which contracting parties can air all views and explore issues in details.

9. Next Meeting

[25] The next CPM Bureau meeting will take place on 4 August 2022, 12:00 to 14:00 (CEST).

10. Closing of the Meeting

[26] The CPM Chairperson thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Annex 1 –Document List

DOCUMENT NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
01_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	3	Agenda	21-06-2022
02_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	2.1	Documents List	21-06-2022
03_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	2.2	Participants List	21-06-2022
04_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	4	Preparation for 2022 SPG	21-06-2022
05_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	6	Development of observer policy	21-06-2022
06_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	5	Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function	24-06-2022

Annex 2 –Participant List

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Annex 3 – Provisional Agenda

AGENDA ITEM		DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1.	Opening of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KUAMÉ <i>CPM Chairperson</i> Osama EL LISSY <i>IPPC Secretary</i>
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4.	Preparation of the Strategic Planning Group Meeting	04_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	Arop DENG/ Aoife CASSIN
5.	Discussion on Dispute Settlement future oversight function	06_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	Sam BISHOP
6.	Development of observer policy	05_Bureau_2022_Jun_Tel	Sam BISHOP
7.	Sea container Focus Group	--	Artur SHAMILOV
	- Status of selecting nominees - Bureau liaison to the FG		
8.	Any Other Business	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
	- Alternating CPM meetings from in-person to virtual		
9.	Next Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ
10.	Closing of the Meeting	--	Lucien K. KOUAMÉ

Annex 4 – Action List

N.	Action	Lead	Lead within Secretariat/CPM Bureau/ Persons involved	Deadline
1.	Share the draft agenda among the IPPC contracting parties (CPs) as early as possible allowing for sufficient preparation, particularly on emerging strategic issues from IPPC CPs	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Aoife CASSIN	14/08/2022
2.	Present the outcomes of the discussion on the Dispute Settlement Oversight Body to the next session of the Strategic Planning Group	CPM Bureau IPPC Secretariat	CPM Chairperson IPPC Secretary	24/09/2022
3.	Prepare a simplified paper for discussion on disputes settlement oversight requesting new ideas and enrichment from SPG	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Aoife CASSIN	24/09/2022
4.	Revise the draft policy paper on Friends of the Chair sessions before submitting it to the next SPG 2022	CPM Bureau	John GREIFER Sam BISHOP Peter THOMSON	24/09/2022
5.	Open an e-decision for two weeks to select and endorse the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers members	IPPC Secretariat	Artur SHAMILOV	30/07/2022
6.	Seek availability for a meeting room in FAO after SPG 2022 to organise the Focus Group on Sea Containers meeting	IPPC Secretariat	Arop DENG Tanja LAHTI	20/09/2022